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**Department of Transportation**

**Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)**

**Re: OPERATING LIMITATIONS AT CHICAGO O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**Docket: FAA-2004-16944 – 21**

**Action: Notice of Flight Reduction Targets and Other Procedures**

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41722(c), the Administrator has established the following flight reduction targets during the periods indicated below at Chicago O'Hare International Airport (O'Hare) for purposes of the August 4, 2004, scheduling reduction meeting.

Hourly scheduled arrival rate: Not to exceed 86

15 minute scheduled arrival rate: Not to exceed 22

Applicable period: 7:00 a.m. through 8:59 p.m. local time, daily

These targets were established after a review of relevant information, including but not limited to the actual hourly arrivals recorded for all service (scheduled and non-scheduled) during certain peak hours over 145 weekdays between November 3, 2003 and May 15, 2004. During such periods O'Hare recorded an average of 90 arrivals per hour (including scheduled and non-scheduled service). These targets thus anticipate non-scheduled arrivals, including military, general aviation, charter and other unscheduled operations, of four (4) per hour. The FAA expects that if scheduled arrivals are reduced and depeaked during the

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identified hours, the operational performance at the airport would improve over current levels.

With respect to the conduct of the meeting, the Administrator has determined the following procedure shall apply. The conclusion of the meeting will occur when the Administrator finally determines that no further scheduling reduction offers from air carriers are necessary and that continued discussions would not serve the purposes of 49 U.S.C. § 41722. Until such determination, the Administrator reserves the right to continue the meeting as necessary to meet such purposes. The meeting will conclude with a final adjournment by the Administrator, and following such adjournment a transcript of the scheduling reduction meeting shall be made available to the public as required under the statute.

Issued in Washington, DC on July 30, 2004

Marion C. Blakey  
Administrator

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 6, 2004  
TO: Gerry Shakley  
FROM: Edward P. Faberman  
RE: O'Hare Information Distribution

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At Wednesday's O'Hare Scheduling Reduction Meeting, I asked if FAA/DOT would produce a document listing total O'Hare arrivals by all carriers when the high density rule was eliminated along with flight arrivals by each carrier on January 1, 2004, and those by each carrier on Wednesday, August 4, 2004. During the meeting, we were told that the information would be distributed. It would also be helpful to see the schedule changes implemented by UA and AA as a result of the January 21, 2004, and April 21, 2004 orders issued by the FAA. Please let me know when we can expect to receive that information.

cc: Steinberg  
Reynolds  
Kessler  
Meehan  
Challan  
Schuessler